



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER** (Based on Psalm 15:2)

*In For A Count Of 4: Walk Blameless, Do Right....*

*Out For A Count Of 4: ... Speak Truth from the Heart.*

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*“Wisdom is the right of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many know a great deal and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.*

– C.H. Spurgeon

**READ SCRIPTURES**

*Micah 6:1-8; I Corinthians 1:18-31*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

February 1, 2026

**Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany**

PRELUDE

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Arr. Michael Burkhardt

Jerry Bursch, Organ

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

Pastor Matt

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri Rae Elmer

With what shall we come before the Lord?

**Not with empty offerings, but with humble hearts.**

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.**

Jesus calls us to live the broken way to find God's blessings.

**We come to worship the One who shapes our lives in love.**

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\*HYMN

*To God Be the Glory*

UMH 98

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Song # 23426

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Terri Rae Elmer

**Eternal and loving God, we come remembering that all of our days and years are gifts from you. As we center our thoughts upon your goodness, we are prompted to glorify you with our hearts, souls, mind and strength. May we truly realize this day that we have been with you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

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Song # 3063376

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Micah 6:1-8, I Corinthians 1:18-31*

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Micah 6:1-8 (NRSVue)

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,

and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

I Corinthians 1:18-31 (NRSVue)

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,  
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a

stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

\*HYMN

Praise the Source of Faith And Learning

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Praise the source of faith and learning  
that has sparked and stoked the mind  
with a passion for discerning  
how the world has been designed.  
Let the sense of wonder flowing  
from the wonders we survey  
keep our faith forever growing  
and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom we acknowledge  
that our science and our art  
and the breadth of human knowledge  
only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation  
lies a depth we cannot sound  
where your purpose for creation

and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder  
of believing that our thought  
has displaced the grounds for wonder  
which the ancient prophets taught.  
May our learning curb the error  
which unthinking faith can breed  
lest we justify some terror  
with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river  
fight each other's undertow,  
till converging they deliver  
one coherent steady flow,  
blend, O God, our faith and learning  
till they carve a single course,  
till they join as one, returning  
praise and thanks to you, the Source.

#### RESPONDING IN FAITH

We live out our membership vows by offering our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness. In this way, we glorify God with our whole lives.

OFFERTORY

*Be Still, My Soul*  
Bell Choir Jerry Bursch, Director

arr. John A. Behnke

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\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94  
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here  
below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus  
Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Terri Rae Elmer

**O God, you have given us all that we have. You breathed life into us and continue to fill us with your life-giving Spirit. You poured out your love that we may have life. May these gifts be used in your service, that all may receive your many blessings. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Time Now to Gather*

TFWS 2265

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1. Time now to gather

Time now to feel

Christ's holy presence

Gracing this meal

Grain from the harvest

Fruit of the vine

Simple the supper

Sacred the sign

2. Time to remember

Christ who was sent

Time to say thank You

for all He meant

Come to this table

Come without fear

God will forgive you

Welcome you here

3. All who are hungry

Come and be fed

Serve one another this cup and bread

All who are troubled hurting or sad

come, and find healing.

Come, and be glad!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

(The United Methodist Publishing House, © 1989)

### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and the cup.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(UM Book of Worship, The Methodist Publishing House, ©1972)

*Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

\***BENEDICTION**

\***HYMN OF PARTING**

*Shalom to You*

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Song #1913569

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through all your loving  
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE

*We're Marching to Zion*  
Jerry Bursch, Piano/Clavinova

arr. Mark Hayes

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***Serving in Worship Today***

Greeter: Cathy Brocker

Ushers: Malin Williams and Linda Whitney

Liturgist: Terri Rae Elmer

Music Director: Jerry Bursch

Pastor: Matthew M. McPhee

A special thanks to Terri Rae Elmer for baking our communion bread & preparing our communion table and to Linda White for Coffee Fellowship.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Video of today's worship can be found at [www.indioumc.org/media](http://www.indioumc.org/media)

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**CALENDAR:**

**February 1**— You are invited to Coffee Fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**February 1** – Youth Group (incoming 6th-12th grade) meets at 5:00 PM. Please speak with Margie Schreiner for more information.

**February 2-6** – New Day Devotions 8:00 AM via Zoom. (The link is available in weekly e-news or by contacting the office)

**February 3** —Bell Choir Practice 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

**February 4**— Tai Chi—10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**February 4** – Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio.

**February 8**—Chancel Choir Practice 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

**February 8**—Adult Bible Studies 9:00 AM in the Adult Classroom.

**February 8** – Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, followed by Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

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